GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri K.Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur – Trapped by the Officials of Anti-Corruption Bureau on 19.06.2002 – Convicted by the Judgement dated 16.03.2007 of Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada in C.C.No.18 of 2003 - Dismissed from service – Accused Officer filed Criminal Appeal No.420 of 2007 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. - Criminal Appeal allowed by the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., by setting aside the conviction and sentence recorded in C.C.No.18 of 2003 on the file of Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada and acquitted the Accused Officer – Implementation of the Judgement, dated 09.07.2021 of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in Criminal Appeal No.420 of 2007 and dropping of further action against late (Sri) K.Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer (Retd.) in the trap case besides regularizing the suspension period from 05.07.2002 to 05.02.2003 and dismissal period from 22.06.2007 to 31.03.2008 as "On Duty" for all purposes under FR 54-A(3) duly releasing of family pensionary benefits to Smt. K. Parvathi Devi, W/o. Late (Sri) K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), Guntur – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 137 **Dated: 01-12-2025**

Read the following:

1)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter C.No.153/RCT-VGT/2002, dated 22.06.2002.
2) Proceedings Ref.No.25460/2002/P3, dated 26.06.2002 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
3)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter C.No.153/RCT-VGT/02, dated 13.12.2002.
4) Proceedings Ref.No.25460/2002/P3, dated 09.01.2003 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
5)G.O.Ms.No.7, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.IV) Department, dated 07.02.2003.
6) From the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada, Judgement dated 16.03.2007 in C.C.No.18 of 2003.
7)G.O.Ms.No.50, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.IV) Department, dated 05.05.2007.
8)From the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., Judgement dated 09.07.2021 in Criminal Appeal No.420 of 2007 filed by Sri K.Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer.
9)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.153/RCT-VGT/2002, dated 27.07.2022.
10)Govt.Memo.No.8221/Sec.IV/A1/2007, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Department, dated 25.04.2024.
11) From Smt. K. Parvathi Devi, W/o Late (Sri) K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Representation, dated 06.03.2025.
12) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter Ref.No.50513/2007/A&DC- 2, dated 13.06.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the Preliminary Report 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has brought to the notice of the Government that, Sri K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur was trapped on 19.06.2002 when he demanded and accepted the illegal gratification from a saw mill owner for doing an official favour.

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2. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has issued orders placing the Accused Officer Sri K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur under suspension from the date of communication of the order and he shall continue to be under suspension until the conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings/termination of all proceedings relating to the criminal charge(s).

3. In the Final Report 3rd read above, the Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad among other things, has recommended for the prosecution of Accused Officer Sri K.Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur in a court of law.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has issued orders reinstating the Accused Officer Sri K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur into duty and to post him in a non-focal post without prejudice to further course of action to be taken by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in the matter, as per rules.

5. In the G.O. 5th read above, orders have been issued according sanction for prosecution of Accused Officer Sri K.Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur in a court of law for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

6. In the reference 6th read above, the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada in its Judgement dated 16.03.2007 in C.C.No.18 of 2003 held that:-

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> *90)In the result, the Accused Officer No.1 (Sri K. Satyanarayana) is* ***convicted u/s 248 (2) Cr.P.C.*** *and he is sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for a period of two years and also to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only), in default to suffer simple imprisonment for three months for the offence u/s 7 of P.C. Act, 1988. A.O.1 is further sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for a period of two years and shall also pay a fine of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) in default to suffer S.I. for three months for the offence u/s 13(1)(d) r/w 13(2) of P.C. Act, 1988. Both the substantive sentences shall run concurrently. The total fine amount to be paid by A.O.1 is Rs.10,000/-. Since A.O.2 (Sri J. Venkata Krishna Rao) is reported dead even before framing charges, the case against him stands abated. M.O.6 (cash of Rs.5,000/-) shall be returned to P.W.1, and M.Os. 1 to 3 which were given for interim custody to P.W.1, shall be retained by him and M.Os.4,5,7 and 8 shall be destroyed after expiry of appeal time".*

7. Aggrieved by the Judgement dated 16.03.2007 of Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada in C.C.No.18 of 2003, the Accused Officer Sri K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur has filed Criminal Appeal No.420/2007 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., and the Hon'ble High Court in its orders, dated 11.04.2007 in Criminal M.P.No.595 of 2007 has suspended the sentence of imprisonment of Accused Officer.

8. In the G.O. 7th read above, orders have been issued dismissing Sri K. Satyanarayana, formerly Forest Range Officer, Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur District from the service, as he was convicted by the Judgement of Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada dated 16.03.2007 in C.C.No.18 of 2003. The Accused Officer has attained the age of superannuation on 31.03.2008 and subsequently expired on 29.05.2010.

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9. In the reference 8th read above, the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in its Judgement, dated 09.07.2021 in Criminal Appeal No.420 of 2007 filed by Sri K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur held that:-

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> *11. A close of scrutiny of the entire evidence adduced by the prosecution discloses that the prosecution is not able to establish both demand and acceptance on the part of accused officer No.1 in the circumstances of the case. In such circumstances, the appellant-accused officer No.1 is entitled for acquittal.*
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> *12. Accordingly,* ***the criminal appeal is allowed setting aside the conviction and sentence recorded in C.C.No.18 of 2003 on the file of the Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada dated 16.03.2007. The appellant- accused officer No.1 is acquitted of the charges for the offences under Sections 7 and 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.*** *The fine amount, if paid, shall be refunded to the appellant, wife of accused officer No.1. The bail bonds of the appellant-accused officer No.1 shall stand cancelled. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed in consequence".*

10. In the reference 9th read above, the Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has informed that the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., vide their Judgement, dated 09.07.2021 allowed the Criminal Appeal No.420/2007 filed by the Accused Officer Sri K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur setting aside the conviction and sentence recorded in C.C.No.18 of 2003 on the file of Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Vijayawada and acquitted him; and requested the Government to accord permission to file Special Leave Petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., dated 09.07.2021 in Criminal Appeal No.420 of 2007, as the Bureau is of the opinion that it is a fit case to file an S.L.P before the Apex Court.

11. After careful examination of the matter, Government have observed that it is difficult to successfully plead before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India that the Judgment of Hon'ble High Court liable to be set-aside and there are no suitable grounds to appeal in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court, dated 09.07.2021 in Criminal Appeal No.420 of 2007. Therefore, it has been decided that as the Accused Officer has already deceased; there may not much purpose served by preferring appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Accordingly, orders were issued in the reference 10th read above, and the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada was requested to take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

12. In the representation 11th read above, Smt. K. Parvathi Devi, W/o Late (Sri) K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur has requested to sanction pension etc.

13. In the reference 12th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has requested the Government to pass orders on regularization of suspension period from 05.07.2002 to 05.02.2003 (216 days) and dismissal period from 22.06.2007 to 31.03.2008 (284 days) duly releasing of family pensionary benefits to Smt. K. Parvathi Devi, W/o. Late (Sri) K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, Guntur, at an early date.

14. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided and hereby order to implement the Judgement, dated 09.07.2021 of Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in Criminal Appeal No.420 of 2007 filed by the Accused Officer

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Sri K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), Guntur against the conviction Judgement, dated 16.03.2007 of the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada in CC.No.18 of 2003, since the Government have decided that, as the Accused Officer has already deceased (expired on 29.05.2010); there may not much purpose served by preferring appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India; and to drop further action against the Accused Officer in the trap case, as he was acquitted of charges for the offences under Sections 7 and 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 by the Hon'ble Court of A.P., vide Judgement, dated 09.07.2021 in Criminal Appeal No.420 of 2007 besides regularizing the suspension period from 05.07.2002 to 05.02.2003 (216 days) and dismissal period from 22.06.2007 to 31.03.2008 (284 days) as 'On Duty' for all purposes, under FR 54-A(3) duly releasing of family pensionary benefits to Smt. K. Parvathi Devi, W/o. Late (Sri) K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), Guntur.

15. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. K.Parvathi Devi, W/o. Late (Sri) K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), Guntur **through** the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri. (With Duplicate Service Register in bound of Sri K. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer)

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
SF/SC (Computer No.205320).

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SECTION OFFICER